

35 U.S.C. §102(a):

According to the Office Action, Komaki allegedly teaches, *inter alia*, a front plate including a dielectric layer, a protective layer and a UV light reflecting layer and the protective layer is between the dielectric layer and the UV light reflecting layer.

It is respectfully submitted that Komaki does not anticipate any of the instant claims, as amended, at least because it does not teach, show or describe that the protective layer is between the dielectric layer and the UV light reflecting layer, wherein the UV light reflective layer covers only a portion of the protective layer, as recited in amended Claim 1, see the instant specification at page 4, lines 6-12.

With regard to rejection of Claim 1 in view of Komaki, Applicants respectfully note that the alleged UV light reflecting layer (19) completely covers the protective layer 18 (see FIG. 2 and col. 3, lines 26-30). Komaki is not believed to teach a protective layer and a reflective layer as recited in Claim 1.

The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held in *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628,631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987):

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.

All claims dependent from claim 1 are believed to be allowable at least for dependency therefrom, and for separate reasons of patentability.

For the reasons previously indicated, the Office Action fails to set forth each and every claimed element in a single reference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

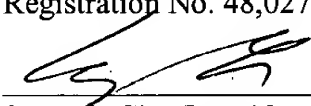
In view of the above amendments and comments the Section 103 rejection of dependent claims 3-6 is believed obviated.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues which may be best resolved by telephone communication, he is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned Attorney at the number listed below.

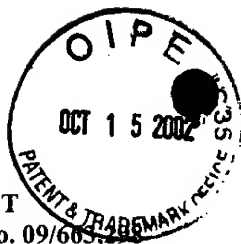
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice and amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A plasma picture screen, comprising:
 - a front plate;
 - a back plate;
 - a plurality of gas-filled plasma cells arranged between the front and back plates and separated by partitioning walls; and
 - a plurality of electrodes on the front plate and the back plate for generating corona discharges,
 - wherein the front plate includes a glass plate on which a dielectric layer, a protective layer and a UV light reflecting layer are provided, the protective layer is between the dielectric layer and the UV light reflecting layer, wherein the UV light reflective layer covers only a portion of the protective layer.

